CLAIMS

1. In a data processing system including a legacy data base management system having a command language coupled to a publically accessible digital data communication network, the improvement comprising:

a. a user terminal coupled to said legacy data base management system via said publically accessible digital data communication network;

b. a service request generated by said user terminal transferred to said legacy data base management system for honoring; and

c. a facility responsively coupled to said legacy data base management system which saves the current computational data as a table for later user.

2. The improvement according to claim 1 wherein said facility further comprises a repository.

3. The improvement according to claim 2 wherein said IDT further comprises a plurality of sequential text lines.

4. The improvement according to claim 3 wherein said service request is generated by said user terminal by completing a screen presented by said legacy data base management system.

5. The improvement according to claim 4 wherein said screen includes a plurality of sources and a plurality of destinations for said table.

6. An apparatus comprising:

a. a user terminal which generates a service request;

b. a publically accessible digital data communication network responsively coupled to said user terminal;

c. a legacy data base management system having an internal format different from XML responsively coupled to said publically accessible digital data communication network which receives said service request via said publically accessible digital data communication network; and

d. a facility responsively coupled to said legacy data base management system for storing the computational state of said legacy data base management system as a table for future use.

7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said publically accessible digital data communication system further comprises the Internet.

8. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said facility further comprises a repository within said data base management system.

9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said future use further comprises honoring of a subsequent service request.

10. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said future use further comprises completion of honoring said service request.

11. A method of interfacing a user terminal to a legacy data base management system having an incompatible input protocol via a publically accessible digital data communication network comprising:

a. transferring a service request from said user terminal to said legacy data base management system via said publically accessible digital data communication network;

b. converting said service request to said incompatible input protocol;

c. commencing the honoring of said service request by said legacy data base management system to produce an interim computational state; and

d. storing said interim computational state for future use.

12. A method according to claim 11 wherein said storing step further comprises storing said a repository.

13. A method according to claim 12 wherein said storing step is initiated from a screen.

14. A method according to claim 13 wherein said screen provides for selection of destination.

15. A method according to claim 14 wherein said publically accessible digital data communication network further comprises the Internet.

16. An apparatus comprising:

a. means for generating a service request;

b. means responsively coupled to said generating means for transferring said service request via a publically accessible digital data communication network;

c. means responsively coupled to said transferring means for providing legacy data base management functions;

d. means responsively coupled to said providing means for converting said service request into a format compatible with said providing means; and

e. means responsively coupled to said providing means for storing the computational state of said providing means.

17. An apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said storing means further comprises a repository.

18. An apparatus according to claim 17 wherein said converting means further comprises means for defining a format of said service request.

19. An apparatus according to claim 18 wherein said transmitting means further comprises the Internet.

20. An apparatus according to claim 19 wherein said storing means stores said computational state for future use.